

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

The Applicants originally submitted Claims 1-27 in the application and amended Claims 1-2, 10-11, 19-20 and 25 in a previous response. In the present Final Rejection, the Examiner has indicated that Claims 19-27 are allowed. In order to expedite issuance, the Applicants have canceled Claims 1-18 without prejudice or disclaimer to place the application in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Claims 19-27 are currently pending in the application.

**I. Rejection of Claims 1-3, 6-7, 9-12, 15-16 and 18 under 35 U.S.C. §102**

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1-3, 6-7, 9-12, 15-16 and 18 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,456,856 to Werling, *et al.* The §102(b) rejection, however, is now moot since the Applicants have canceled Claims 1-3, 6-7, 9-12, 15-16 and 18 without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw the §102 rejection and allow issuance of the pending claims.

**II. Rejection of Claims 4-5, 8, 13-14 and 17 under 35 U.S.C. §103**

The Examiner has rejected Claims 4-5, 8, 13-14 and 17 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Werling in view of the following U.S. Patents: U.S. Patent No. 6,195,562 to Pirhonen for Claims 4 and 13; U.S. Patent No. 6,408,187 to Merriam for Claims 5 and 14; and Merriam in further view of U.S. Patent No. 4,636,741 to Mitzlaff for Claims 8 and 17. The §103(a) rejection, however, is now moot since the Applicants have canceled Claims 4-5, 8, 13-14 and 17 without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw the §103(a) rejection and allow issuance of the pending claims.

**III. Conclusion**

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, the Applicants now see all of the Claims currently pending in this application to be in condition for allowance and therefore earnestly solicit a Notice of Allowance for Claims 19-27.

The Applicants request the Examiner to telephone the undersigned attorney of record at (972) 480-8800 if such would further or expedite the prosecution of the present application. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees, credits or overpayments to deposit account 08-2395.

Respectfully submitted,

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